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Expense Account
for Sharps.

Also Mrs. Perkins
& Wiatt Smith
Articles.

MS 76
BX 15
NBK 11

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Expense Account

Meals and Lodging	\$ 83.85
Bus Fare on Trip	45.14
5 Dinners at Huntington	3.75
5 Trips to Huntington	1.50
2 Book Covers	.80
1/2 Ream of Paper	1.25
Typing	<u>\$ 14.00</u>

\$ 149.29

149.29

Cr.

By Mrs. Caries
and Mrs. Sproesser
On expense of trip
+ Huntington Expense

41.56

3.15

\$ 44.71

44.71

Balance

\$ 104.58

\$ 104.58

Suggested amount
due you from

Mrs. Sproesser \$ 5.00

Mr. Caries 5.00

Total Expense Account

Bus Fare \$45.14

Meals & Lodg. \$3.85

Total on trip

\$128.99

Total Expense Account

meals and Lodging.

Oct. 12, 1949	—	\$2.90
Oct. 13, 1949	—	\$3.50
Oct. 14, 1949	—	\$3.50
Oct. 15, 1949	—	\$3.45
Oct. 16, 1949	—	\$4.35
Oct. 17, 1949	—	\$3.45
Oct. 18, 1949	—	\$3.55
Oct. 19, 1949	—	\$3.95
Oct. 20, 1949	—	\$3.45
Oct. 21, 1949	—	\$3.60
Oct. 22, 1949	—	\$3.95
Oct. 23, 1949	—	\$3.55
Oct. 24, 1949	—	\$4.05
Oct. 25, 1949	—	\$3.45
Oct. 26, 1949	—	\$3.55
Oct. 27, 1949	—	\$4.10
Oct. 28, 1949	—	\$3.50
Oct. 29, 1949	—	\$3.55
Oct. 30, 1949	—	\$4.05
Oct. 31, 1949	—	\$3.45
Nov. 1, 1949	—	\$4.15
Nov. 2, 1949	—	\$3.55
Nov. 3, 1949	—	\$2.05
Nov. 4, 1949	—	\$1.20

I arrived home, Total Nov. 4th, 1949 \$83.80

Forward \$83.85

Bus Tickets

Oct. 12, 1949 - Nov. 4, 1949

Ticket to Jazewell, \$5.18

Bluefield to Princeton, .50
round trip.

Bluefield to Jazewell, .63

Jazewell to Pearisburg, 1.43

Pearisburg to Bland, 1.04

Bland to Christians-

burg - - - ,65

Christiansburg to
Lexington, 2.47

Lexington to Charlottesville.

ville, 1.52

Charlottesville to Orange, .65

Orange to Culpeper 1.09

Culpeper to Warrenton, .81

Warrenton to Washington, 1.09

Washington to Fairfax
C. H. ,63

Fairfax to Fredericksburg, 1.23

Fredericksburg to
Heathsville, \$3.06

Fredericksburg to
Richmond 1.47

Richmond, Round Trip to
Annelia 1.86

Richmond to Stony Point, 1.04

Fredericksburg To Richmond	1.47
Richmond, Round Trip to Amelia	1.86
Richmond to Slony Point,	1.04
Slony Point to Sussex, Round Trip,	1.00 .67
Slony Point To Emporia	3.06
Emporia to Danville,	3.06
Danville to Chatham,	.62
Chatham to Martinsville	.76
Martinsville to Lexington	2.70
Lexington Round Trip to Staunton	1.64
Lexington To Huntington	6.04
5 Trips to Huntington To make report	1.50
Total	<u>\$45.14</u>

Making Report

5 Dinners at Huntington, \$3.75⁻
at 75¢ each,

Totals \$83.85⁻
\$45.14
\$3.75⁻

\$132.74

Additional
Certified Copy of Marriage etc⁻
of Hugh Petit \$1.50

Typing — — —

2 Book Covers — (Gees Binders) .80
Paper 1/2 ream \$1.20⁻

meals & Lodging \$83.85⁻
Bus Fare 45.14
5 meals at Hunt- 3.75⁻
ington — — —
5 Trips to Hunting- 1.50⁻
ton — — —
4 Book covers 1.60
1/2 Ream of Paper 1.50
Typing 14.00
\$151.34
Pd by Mr. Carico 41.56⁻
and Mrs Sproesser

Moses E. Bledsoe
m. Louisa Williams,
May 8, 1856, at home of
Mourning Williams,
He 19, She 14, He b. dau.
in Orange Co., ~~Shore~~ of
James Bias & Nancy Williams
She b. in Cabell Co.,
He son of Wm. L.
and Rachel Bledsoe.

Wm. Bledsoe
m. Caroline M. Beach
(2-2)

Peter Bledsoe
m. Eliza Ann Morrison
1865 (2-13)

Cabell County

Mourning Williams's Will
Wife of Wall Williams of Va.
Will Bk. 3 p. 72

Oct. 6, 1861. Sell property
Pay debts & if anything
is left, give to his dau.
Nancy.

Moses Bledsoe to remain
in full possession of ^{25^a} the land
he now has in possession till
his lease expires, & then to
his dau., Nancy, on con-
dition she pay each of his
living children \$16, any other
property left to be equally
divided between his children.

(No wife named. She
evidently was dead)

Mourning Williams bought
land in 1857, & this will
disposes of it.

Nancy was the mother
of Louisa Bledsoe.

Nancy seems never to have
married. I ran the record
till 1882. Yes, she married
James Bias in 1850. See p. 116

Notes

For picture of the Fanny
Hugan, see Irwin Hugan's
sister on Main Street.

The James River and Kan.
Turnpike (The Kanawha Road)

Deed Bk. 8 p. 340 - 1821

Shows the Co. Taking
rights of way

Kennis Gillispie - White
Sulphur Springs has a
picture of the old bridge
across Greenbrier R. ^{at} ~~from~~
Caldwell. Some say there
have been four different
bridges there, the original
being burned in 1862
and another built. See
Mrs. Hayton's Greenbrier
Co. History. Also J. R.
Coles.

Stage horses changed
at Wilson, 2 miles west
of Lewisburg.

Col. Couper of U. M. I., Lexington
Va., says:

"Trip to New Canaan"
published in the 1850's,
gives an account of a
trip on the road."

MRS. MITCHELL'S RITES TOMORROW

Early Resident of Huntington
Dies of Pneumonia at Age
of 92 Years

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Virginia Mitchell, 92 years old, of 60 West Fourth avenue, who died at 1 P. M. yesterday at her home, will be held tomorrow at 2:30 P. M. at the residence with Dr. E. B. Willingham, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers will be George Biggs, Walker Long, Pearl B. Rardin, Tom Baker, E. H. Long, Howard Hawkins and Frank Reckard.

Mrs. Mitchell's death from bronchial pneumonia followed an illness of one week.

She was the mother of Mrs. Maude Dudley, society editor of The Advertiser.

She was a member of one of Huntington's earliest families, the daughter of the late Robert and Martha Anna Stewart of Guyandotte, and before her death was the oldest living member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. She joined the church soon after its founding, it was said today.

Mrs. Mitchell was also a member of the Early Settlers Association and an honorary member of the Emma McCullough Harvey chapter of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

The home in which Mrs. Mitchell died was the one to which she went as the bride of the late Arthur P. Mitchell. It was one of the first houses built in that section of what was then Central City and its locale was a cornfield marked by groves of trees.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dudley and Miss Mayme Lois Mitchell; one grandson, Peyton Mitchell Dudley, and one great-grandchild, Martha Mitchell Dudley, all of Huntington.

The body will remain at the residence until the hour of the funeral. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary.

Taken By Death



MRS. MARTHA MITCHELL

PENNSY MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

Thousands Return to "Captive"
Pits, Although Strike End
Is Opposed By Some

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 24. (P)—For the third time in 10 weeks thousands of miners in Pennsylvania's "captive" mines trooped back to work today without having achieved the objective of their strikes—a union shop.

Some were frankly disgruntled, for that reason.

"We got nothing," said Flore Londono, an employee of the Republic Corp. mine at Russellton, Allegheny county. "We should stay out."

Others were pleased over the United Mine Workers' acceptance Saturday of President Roosevelt's plan for arbitration of the dispute. The union shop, sole issue of the strikes, requires miners to join the union after a brief period of employment.

Henry O'Neill, president of

Family Trees Out Of History's Forest

By Eunice Proctor Perkins

THIS column receives many letters that express interest in the work. They are greatly appreciated and every effort is made to print material requested. Much data has been sent in which is gratefully received, placed in the proper files to be published as soon as that particular family is reached. All readers who have taken the interest and time to write are here thanked for this help. Some letters asking for very special data have been answered personally, but the general desire is to share the material with other interested searchers. Some are boosters for the work, neither asking nor giving data, sending messages which cheer the soul like a torch that lights the way.

"DEAR Mrs. Perkins," says one writer. "I read and reread your 'Family Trees Out Of History's Forest.' Give us one such article each Sunday please. I like your writings, they seem so true and I never tire of reading history, and about Indians. I hope you get many requests to keep writing for us. If I should fail to find your story I will feel very much disappointed. * * * Success to you. Keep up your good work, I am for you."

To the writer of this card is dedicated the following story of a woman's heroism: To this lover of history and Indian stories comes the voice of a century and more ago, "You shall know something of my part in that sanguine struggle, to build for you and yours this home in the valley!"

BY the year 1788 it was believed possible that settlers could survive the Indian attacks and build permanent homes in the lower Kanawha and Ohio valleys.

To further this the state of Virginia sent soldiers to build a fort at the present site of Charleston. Settlers' homes began to flourish within the range of the soldiers from the fort, who daily made their rounds by the way of scouts from each company. These scouts covered many miles each day, with no food except the small store they could carry in the pockets of their hunting coats. Being expert in discovering traces of Indians, they were called Indian spies, and they were expected to be enrolled from among the frontier families.

The calendar of Virginia state papers, Vol. 6, pp. 237 and on has the roll of Captain John Morris' company, called into service March 15, and therein continued until January, 1793. It not only enrolls the men, but tells their part in civil life as well: "John Morris Captain, performed his duty at his own fort. Alexander Clendenin, Ensign—at Colonel Geo. Clendenin's station, made his crop at William Clendenin's, one mile from the station, his family at the station"—and so on down the line.

AMONG the soldiers so listed are three by the name of Alsbury—Thomas Alsbury, with his family at John Morris'—made a crop there—Thomas Alsbury, Jr., no family, and Charles Alsbury at John Morris'—has a family, made a crop there. The yellow pages of Kanawha county are very sparse in records of these Alsbury families. I found but two

that referred to them. Thomas and Elizabeth had a lease on land from Captain William Morris. The lease recites that they shall have possession of their cabins and their clearings near the cabin of Leonard Morris as long as they live. Also I find mention that Charles Alsbury had removed with the Morris families to the Teas valley.

The year 1792 brought dire times to the settlements on the Kanawha. By May, when the first garden patches were being planted, the Indians lay in wait for every outlying worker. Captain John Morris' rangers combed the great forest to allow the crops to be planted. On May 11, they came in contact with the enemy. Just how or where the attack was made history does not divulge, but it must have been near the home of Leonard Morris, and the cabin of Thomas Alsbury.

When the foe was routed a mad yell of savage exultancy announced to Elizabeth Alsbury that death was in the wake of that retreating horde. She knew the fate of womankind, should one skulking Indian be left, but woman is given to succor in times of suffering. Stealthily she crept to the scene, alone she came upon the groaning soldier, writhing in pain and blood. John Shepherd, one of the young soldiers of the fort, wounded through the hip and the hand, was unable to walk. I expect she offered up a prayer for super-human strength, to carry the suffering man to her cabin, possessed as she must have been with fear and weakness.

The cold roll of soldiers in the Virginia state papers states: "John Shepherd—at Colonel Donnelly's part of the time—at George Alderson's part of the time; was shot through the thigh and hand, cured by Mrs. Alsbury."

Nothing is told of the struggle to get that gallant soldier to shelter, of the staunching of the wounds, of the race to the woodland spring for cold water to stay as much as possible the danger of infection, and to ease the intensity of the pain, of the lonely vigil until help might come.

IN July Nurse Elizabeth Alsbury was called upon to care for a second soldier—John Carter—the roll says: "John Carter, at Captain John Morris'; a single man, wounded 15th July—three wounds; cured by Mrs. Alsbury."

Strangely enough the yellow pages of records in Kanawha county do mention Elizabeth Alsbury—See order book 1, August court, 1793—page 28:

"Ordered that Elizabeth Alsbury be represented to His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth for the following benign and hospitable act—to-wit: having carried John Shepherd and John Carter—soldiers then in service which belonged to Captain John Morris' ranging company of militia which were wounded, the former on the 11 day of May, 1792 and the latter on the 4th day of July in the same year—and taking care of them."

Thus, lover of history and Indian stories, of July, 1935, the war nurse of July, 1793, sends you greetings, writ in services on the pages of a fading old order book—greetings that should be blazoned on brass and marble along the highway of this rushing generation.

H L
Jan 11, 1939.
RALD-DISPATCH, HUNTINGTON

Your friends • by •
• And Mine • Wiatt Smith

ABOUT two weeks ago this column carried a paragraph telling of a widowed father who was willing to place his four-year-old son for adoption in some good home. Before the ink was dry on the paper, William A. Leech, field engineer for the Koppers Co. and Mrs. Leech, residents of the Hotel Governor Cabell, were investigating. They had long thought of adopting a child but had never given effect to their purpose. During the conferences, negotiations and finally, legal proceedings they found that this process was not without travail, but yesterday it was accomplished. By an order duly executed by Judge Ira P. Baer the bright and attractive little fellow became James Douglass Leech. The James is for Editor Jim Clendenin, the lad's legal godfather, the Douglass for Mrs. Leech, the former Miss Dorathea Douglass of Upper Montclair, N. J., a graduate of Wellesley College. The boy is to be called Douglass. Mr. and Mrs. Leech have been in Huntington a year or more. His duties in this section shortly will be completed and he and Mrs. Leech and little Douglass will go to live elsewhere. Closing the chapter for this column I wish to thank the numerous persons who have made inquiry about the little boy, some with serious idea of his adoption, and to say that it is most gratifying to have had even a part in placing a child so auspiciously.



WIATT SMITH

WHEN Edmund Sehon, A. G. (Gal) Blake and others established the wholesale grocery house of Sehon, Blake & Co. in 1891, John M. Beale, then a Guyandotte merchant, was one of their number. The most experienced among them, he did the original buying. The first location was on Third avenue. Then the company, Mr. Beale told me when I met him downtown yesterday morning, purchased the site now occupied by the offices of Gwinn Bros. & Co. and built there. While the store was in the new location, W. W. Gwinn dropped over from the mill one day and said: "I've got a good young fellow over here rolling barrels for eighteen dollars a month, but I don't need him. Why don't you hire him?" He was told to send him over and he very shortly reported for to the company of which he in time was to become the head. That man was John B. Stevenson. Finding that he had not time to spare from his own business, Mr. Beale soon decided against dividing his activities and sold his stock, as I remember the conversation, to Mr. Blake.

ON HIS way down from Guyandotte, Mr. Beale had stopped at St. Mary's Hospital to inquire about Colonel T. W. (Ted) Peyton. He learned that surgery is in contemplation for the well known soldier-lawyer. Talking of Ted, he was led also to speak of Ted's father, Capt. T. W. Peyton, a soldier-lawyer also. Mr. Beale and Capt. Peyton married cousins, the former Miss Margaret McGinnis of Guyandotte, the latter Miss Mayme Hovey of Barboursville. The two couples went together on their honeymoon journey, by rail to Norfolk, Va., thence by steamer to New York City. The grooms wore long-tailed Prince Albert coats, and high silk hats—plug hats, they were called in those days. Mr. Beale was interested by a barber in his hotel shop in some toilet preparations and bought a considerable supply. "I have some of it yet," he said. "That fellow took me for a greenhorn—and he was right."

CONFLICTING reports, some quite disturbing, are heard concerning the condition of James Murphy, ill at his Main street home. I trust the rosier ones are true. Mr. Murphy hasn't been well since the death and burial of his friend Colonel W. V. Hennen several weeks ago. I almost said, "friend and star loafer," which would have been true and still unfair for Colonel Hennen was no loafer though he spent countless hours beside the big stove behind the prescription case of Murphy's drug store. They were staunch friends and all but the last of the group which centered about the drug store while and after I was growing up. It can almost be said, if not quite, that Mr. Murphy and H. C. Everett are the last of that company — of their generation of course.
1-11-39.

Mrs. Johnson of
about 18th St. says:
(about Charleston Ave)
Nancy Belle Lunsford
b. Sept. 27, 1866.
d. March 5, 1932.

MRS. OTTIE CROOK — Fifty-six years old, 4108 Green Valley Road, died last night in a Huntington hospital after an illness of nine months. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pugh and was a member of Crook's Chapel and the Green Valley Farm Woman's Club. Surviving are the husband; a daughter, Mrs. Bill Insko; a son, Ernest Crook; a sister, Mrs. Gerald Fowler, and a brother, Herschel Pugh, all of Huntington. The body is at the Kincaid Mortuary.

MRS. NANCY BELL ROWSEY — Seventy-six years old, of Shelbyville, Ind., formerly of Huntington, who died Sunday, will be buried in Woodmere Cemetery by following funeral services at 2 P. M. today at the Ninth Avenue Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles W. Ambrose officiating. The body is at the Beard-Fisher Funeral Home.

MAURICE LEE'S FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services for Maurice J. Lee, 74, longtime railroad man who died yesterday morning in a Huntington hospital, will be conducted at 8 A. M. today at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Requiem high mass will be said.

The body will be sent to Los Angeles for burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery there. The family has requested that flowers be omitted.

Pallbearers will include Porter Barr, Bert Ward, Thomas Lee Cuni, A. M. Foose, Frank Lombardo and James M. Donohoe.

Mr. Lee was born December 5, 1875, at Buffalo, W. Va., a son of the late John U. and Margaret Lee. His wife, Mrs. Anna Lee, died in 1943. Mr. Lee had made his home here with a sister, Miss Nellie Lee, 1740 Third Avenue, since 1945.

A former employe of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co., Mr. Lee served his apprenticeship as a machinist in the Huntington shops. During the Spanish-American War he worked in the Navy yard at Washington, D. C.

After that war he moved to Tucson, Ariz., and was employed as general roundhouse foreman by the Southern Pacific Railway. He was later transferred to Los Angeles where he served in the same capacity for the company for 25 years.

Surviving, besides Miss Lee, are another sister, Mrs. Margaret Cuni of Huntington, and two brothers, John A. Lee of San Pedro, Calif., and Charles E. Lee of Thomasville, Ga.

The body is at the Steele Funeral Home.

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Albert
he knew
for his
stray dog
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hospital.
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breeds a
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Your Friends by And Miss Wiatt Smith

Before the Chamber of Commerce got too big, there were monthly membership meetings. At these meetings, held in my time in the assembly room at the Hotel Frederick, Huntington ills were aired and the city's aspirations were discussed in forum style. Three men who almost always had something to say were Timothy S. Scanlon, Dan A. Mossman and A. W. Werninger. They were friends and allies and presented, usually, a common front on any controversial subject. Both Mr. Scanlon and Mr. Mossman have long been gone, Mr. Werninger was in his nineties when he died last year. These three staunch citizens have been recalled by recent discussion here of Mr. Scanlon. He was a direct action man and his philanthropies were practical. I remember once, when he was city commissioner, the police brought in two little boys who were extremely dirty. Their plight moved Mr. Scanlon to compassion and he personally, washed them in the lockup bathtub.

HIS WIFE HAVING died before him, Mr. Scanlon went to live at the home of his niece, Miss Nellie Lee, his sister's daughter, 1740 Third Avenue. Miss Lee is his nearest relative living here, her brother, Maurice J. Lee, having succumbed last week. Charles M. Scanlon, the only son, died several years ago in the West. Mrs. Charles Scanlon lived here for a time, but sold her Huntington holdings and moved to California. In part, these paragraphs are in answer to an inquiry from Charles R. Thomas. Mr. Thomas is ill at 1118 Ninth Avenue, where he shares the home with his sister, Miss Elizabeth Thomas, who now operates the Thomas Studio. C. R. Thomas, who hopes to be about town again shortly, told me that he and Charley Scanlon were playmates when they were neighbor boys on Fourth Avenue. Mr. Thomas, who ordinarily takes this affliction philosophically, confessed that he almost broke down when his brother, W. O. Thomas, came to take his dog hunting. He didn't mind letting the dog go with Wilbur—his sorrow was because he couldn't go with them.

MISS WANDA BROWDER writes from Milton, saying: "I would like to know if you could help me find all the words to a song called 'The Model Church.' It starts like this:

*'Well wife, I found a model church
And worshipped there today,
It made me think of good old times,
Before my hair turned gray.'*

My grandfather knows the tune and would like to know the rest of the words."... The hymn is unfamiliar to me, but I suspect some of the members of the Committee of 1,000 will know it. I trust anyone able to supply it will send the words to Miss Browder at Milton. Please don't send them to me.

Travel Expense

Started Oct. 12, 1949

Bus Ticket to Jazewell \$5¹⁸

Ticket from Bluefield to
Princeton, Round trip .50

Ticket Bluefield to Jaze-
well - - - - .63

Ticket Jazewell to Pearis
burg. - - - - \$1.43

Pearisburg to Bland 1.04

Bland to Christiansburg .65

~~Christiansburg to Lexington .74~~

Christiansburg to Lexington 2.47

Lexington to ~~Orange~~ Charlottesville 1.52

Charlottesville to Orange .65

Orange to Culpeper 1.09

Ticket ~~Orange~~ ^{Culpeper} To War-
renton - - - - .81

Warrenton To Washington 1.09

Washington To Fairfax
C. H. - - - - .63

Fairfax To Fredericksburg 1.23.

Fredericksburg To Heathsville
Round trip 3.06

Fredericksburg To Richmond 1.47

Richmond Round trip To Amelia 1.86

Richmond To Stony Point 1.04

Stony Point To Richmond .50

Stony Point to Emporia .67
Emporia to Danville 3.06
Danville to Chatham .62
Chatham to Martinsville .76
Martinsville to Lexington 2.70
Lexington ^{Remond Lake} to Staunton 1.64
Lexington to Huntington 6.04
5 1/2 Trips to Huntington to
make report \$1.20

\$45.14

9 ~~1/2~~ typed pages for
Mrs. Sproesser, at 15¢ \$1.35

Board & Room 23 days \$79.65
5 Dinners at Huntington 3.75
Total \$83.40

Will for Mr. Sharp \$1.50

Will for Mr. Sprick ~~1.50~~ .80

~~Will~~